



MONTAUK LIBRARY

RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PLAN NEWS

SPRING 2019



Nearly 40 years ago, the Montauk community came together to establish the Montauk Library in a small cottage on the grounds of the Montauk Community Church. As demand for quality services and programming grew, the community supported a plan for a new, larger facility, which opened in 1991. As the Montauk Library approaches its 40th anniversary in 2020, we are once again at a crossroads.

Much more than just books, today's community libraries have greatly evolved, along with advancements in technology. Libraries have become a valued resource not only for books, information, and research, but also for cultural, recreational, and technological programming and services. By their nature, public libraries are dynamic institutions that are continually changing to be responsive to a community's needs.



The current building has served Montauk well for nearly 30 years, but with the modern transformation in library services and a marked increase in usage, a new renovation and expansion is greatly needed to meet the changing needs of the community.

— Denise DiPaolo, Montauk Library Director

Through community outreach—including needs assessment interviews, surveys, and focus groups—and comprehensive studies and planning, the Library Board and staff have developed a new renovation and expansion plan. The plan will address the increased need for space and services at the Montauk Library not only for today, but for the future.



1960s—1970s

Suffolk Cooperative Library System's Bookmobile program serves Montauk



1980s

First Montauk Library opens in small cottage



1991

Opening of today's Montauk Library

VOTE

MONTAUK LIBRARY BOND VOTE

at the Montauk School

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

at the Montauk Library

Sat. April 27, 1 p.m.

Wed. May 1 at 12 p.m.

Tues. May 7, 3: 30 p.m.

Wed. May 15, 10 a.m.

Learn more at: montauklibrary.org



PROPOSED MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

Architect: Ray Beeler, Gallin Beeler Design Studio
 Ray Beeler was part of the team that designed the current building.



Proposed Improvements to Main Level

- Larger children's room
- Children's librarian desk/office
- Reorganized administration area
- Dedicated children's program room
- Children's bathroom
- New safer entrance and lobby areas
- Outdoor children's terrace
- Dedicated teen room
- New Local History and Fishermen's Center

Outdoor Terraces Provide Additional Space for Activities and Reading



- Ocean view outdoor terrace on existing south-facing roof

- Green-landscaped reading room/activity space on new expansion roof, using native species

Sustainable & Energy-Efficient Features

Sustainable and energy-efficient features are incorporated throughout the new plans, including:

- Reuse of the existing building
- Green-landscaped roofs with native species
- Vertical axis wind turbines
- Sun screening of all south-facing windows
- Window replacement with higher performance glazing
- Solar panels on the south-facing roof
- Electric vehicle recharging station
- Light pollution reducing exterior light fixtures
- Collection of storm water for irrigation
- Water-efficient area landscaping with native species
- Use of materials with high-recycled content, locally manufactured
- Use of low-emitting interior materials for improved occupant health
- Use of natural light to reduce energy usage
- Low-nitrogen septic system

Safety Upgrades

- Fire sprinkler system for the entire building
- Redesigned parking lot allowing for vehicle drop off at entry plaza
- More handicap parking spaces directly adjacent to the main entry and a book drop accessible by car
- Hurricane-rated windows and doors
- Safer driveway, parking lot and parking areas



Exterior Features

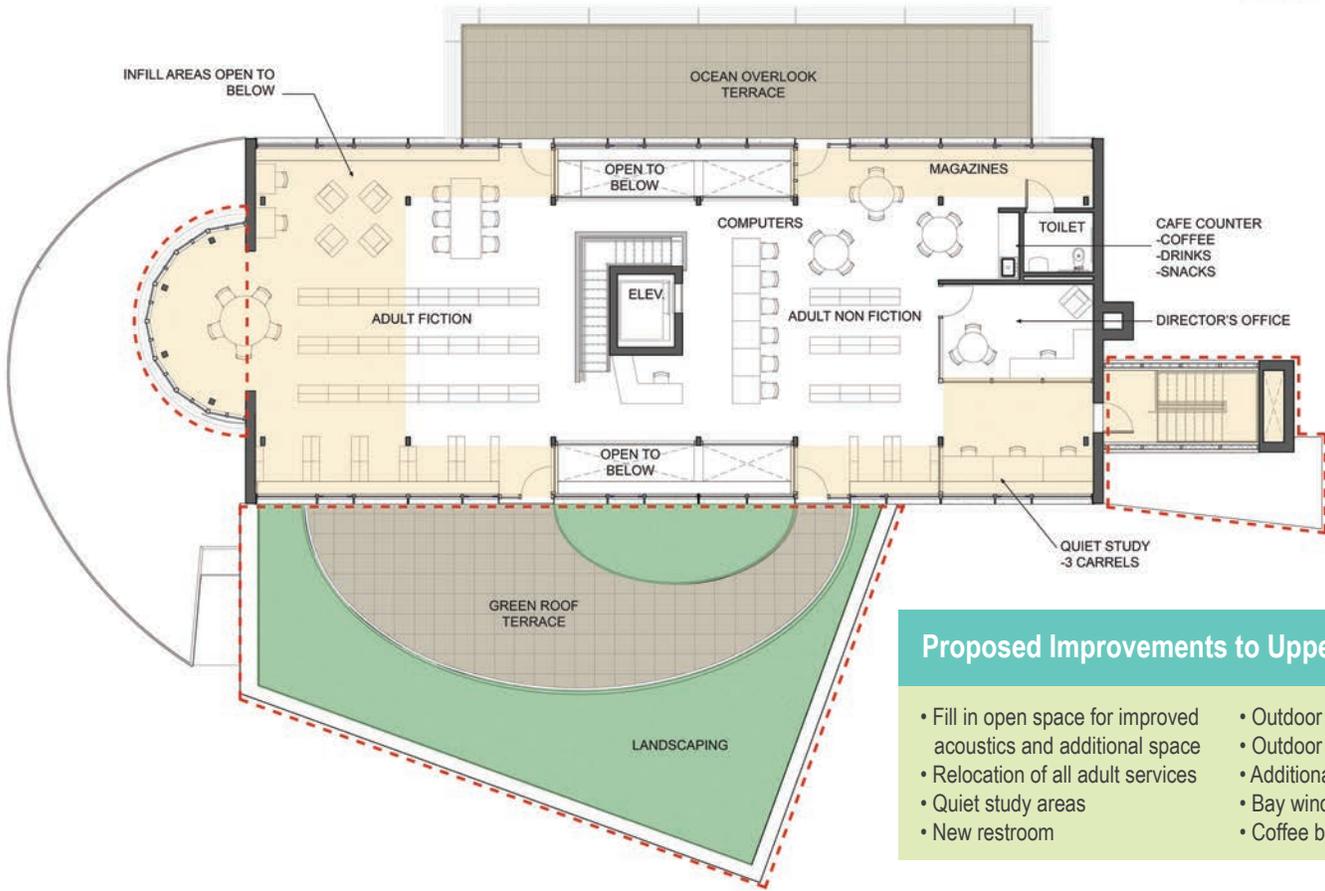
- New entry plaza
- Children's outdoor terrace
- Two adult outdoor terraces
- New car-accessible book drop

PROPOSED UPPER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- NEW SPACE
- GREEN ROOF

- - - ADDITION



Proposed Improvements to Upper Level

- Fill in open space for improved acoustics and additional space
- Relocation of all adult services
- Quiet study areas
- New restroom
- Outdoor ocean view terrace
- Outdoor green garden
- Additional seating
- Bay window extension
- Coffee bar

PROPOSED LOWER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

LEGEND

- NEW SPACE

- - - ADDITION



Proposed Improvements to Lower Level

- Additional public meeting room
- Expanded archival room
- Accessible bathrooms
- New mechanical space
- New "Friends of the Montauk Library" room
- Additional storage room

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why should we renovate and expand the Montauk Library?

Although the current building has served us well for nearly 30 years, it's experienced a lot of wear and tear. Issues include windows that leak and are not hurricane-rated, faulty plumbing, a lack of a fire sprinkler system and eco-friendly septic, and various safety and accessibility concerns. As library services have changed—especially in the area of technology—we've experienced a significant increase in usage. Since we first opened our doors, our hours of weekly operation have doubled and recent years have seen a marked increase in library usage, the number of programs we offer and attendance (see chart at right). Our staff has maximized the space we have as best we can, but a renovation, expansion, and reconfiguration is needed now to best meet the changing needs and demands of our community.

How much space will be added to the library?

5,000 square feet of new space will be added to the existing 9,000 square foot building by filling in portions of existing interior double-height space, the addition of a new exit staircase, and a new 1,600 square foot entry lobby that will feature an interactive Local History and Fishermen's Center. Filling in some open areas will add room for additional seating and computers and help to address sound issues. Additional basement space will give us more archival, meeting, and storage space. (See the floor plans for more information on the individual features of each level.)

Has the community been involved in the planning?

Yes, throughout the last year our Board has held focus groups, conducted needs assessment interviews, and posted surveys online and in print to gain feedback about issues and concerns. Although our patrons love our ocean view, friendly staff, and diversity of programming, the lack of adequate space for children, teens, and quiet study as well as noise and accessibility issues led the list of wished-for improvements to the current building. We'll be holding several Community Input Sessions prior to the May 21st Bond Vote and we encourage everyone to come and learn more about the project and to provide their input. (See schedule on front cover.)

What does the project cost and how much will I have to pay?

The estimated cost of the project is \$7.486 million. The estimated cost per average household is approximately \$80 per year or \$6.67 per month. (See the Cost Summary at right for more details.)

Will the project be energy-efficient and sustainable?

Yes, wherever possible, we will pursue using cost-saving, energy-efficient and sustainable materials and systems. (See the "Sustainable and Energy-Efficient Features" listed on the third page.)

How long will the building process take and will the library be closed during construction?

Once the Bond Vote is approved, construction could begin by the end of the year and would last 8-9 months. The library would be closed during this period, with library services offered either through specially equipped trailers on the library property or at a nearby location.

How can I get more information on the plan?

Come to one of our Community Input Sessions, visit our website at www.montauklibrary.org, or call Library Director Denise DiPaolo at (631) 668-3377 x102.

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	2013	2018	% Change
Library Visits	41,078	49,710	+21%
Circulation	41,066	49,955	+22%
Downloads	2,613	7,908	+202%
Adult Programs	240	568	+137%
Program Attendance	5,437	7,536	+39%
Children's Programs	100	239	+139%
Program Attendance	809	3,611	+346%

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Safety • Comfort • Efficiency • Effectiveness • Flexibility
- User-Friendliness • Sustainability •

PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Cost of the project: \$7,486,371

Bond Term: 20 years

Approximate tax rate increase:

\$6.70 per month (or \$80.40 per year)*

** based on average home assessed valuation of \$5,000 (market value of \$862,069)*

The Library will actively apply for grants and gladly accept donations to reduce bond cost.

Tax impact summary by: Capital Market Advisors, LLC.

Cost estimate summary by: SCC Construction Management Group

TIMELINE

Community Input Sessions:	March - May, 2019
Bond Vote:	May 21, 2019
State Education Dept. approval:	Summer 2019
Bid process:	Fall 2019
Construction begins	December 2019
New building opening:	Late Fall 2020

Construction and reopening dates are approximate and subject to change.



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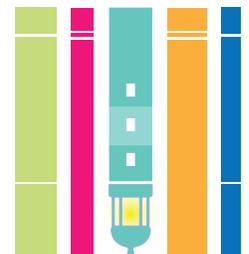


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